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Subject: Request to Delay Decision on Media Consolidation in Order to Hold Public Fora

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MESSAGE:

Dear Chairman Powell,

I am eager that you and your staff respond to public opinion openly and fully, including disclosing all the particulars of the proposed law prior to making a decision and certainly in advance of additional public hearings. In short, I request that the decision of the committee be delayed to provide true dialog on the needs of the public not to consolidate media power through new guidelines and legislation.

You are correct that this is a new era. Changes that consolidate power are just as harmful as so-called "big government."

Thank you for giving this matter your utmost, careful thought and taking into account the needs of our citizens to hear *many* voices, not just those of the rich and powerful.

Sincerely yours,

*John Harkins***FOR YOUR STAFF:**

I was unsuccessful trying to leave a message in the voice-mailbox after being assured that someone would return my call, as the mail box was full. I tried to transfer to another extension and that did not succeed. Furthermore, the voice-mail system simply hung up on me.

Please be so kind as to respond to this fax as promised by the person with the pleasant voice who "answered" the phone call and assured me that I would receive a call-back to confirm that you understand my concerns and let me know how those views are being considered by Chairman Powell and his commission.